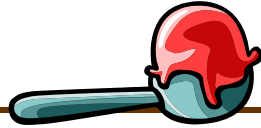


THE COUNTY SCOOP



GALLATIN COUNTY

October 1, 2009

INTRODUCING THE OPEN LANDS BOARD

Inside this issue:

The County Commissioners created the Open Lands Board on October 27, 1998 under the Open Space Land and Voluntary Conservation Easement Act. The mission of the Open Lands Board is to work with the Commissioners and the citizens of Gallatin County to preserve natural lands and encourage the economic viability of agriculturally productive lands. The Board consists of not more than 15 members who are appointed by and serve at the will of the County Commission. The Commissioners have made a commitment to appoint a diverse group of individuals to this board who represent a wide range of interests from the farming community to conservation enthusiasts.

The Open Lands Board (OLB) works to implement the land protection tools compiled by the Gallatin County Open Space Task Force who proceeded the OLB. The OLB supports efforts to amend the County's master plan to make it more effective in helping to achieve open space goals. It also encourages cluster development which concentrates development in one area of land while leaving the remainder available for agricultural or open space purposes. The OLB also supports legislative efforts to provide incentives to landowners and improve flexibility in subdivision regulations to encourage cluster development. The OLB also seeks to work with public agencies and private organizations to encourage landowners to make use of conservation easements. In general, the Open Lands Board has been charged by the Commission to create financial incentives and programs for preserving agricultural and open lands, allowing those land owners to retain their land values as well as to raise funds from both public and private resources to finance those incentives.

The voters of Gallatin County have approved two separate Open Space Bond measures, each to the tune of \$10,000,000 in the year 2000 and 2004. The \$20,000,000 raised by these bond measures have gone to fund 30 conservation projects on 50 square miles in Gallatin County (Gallatin County is 2517 total square miles). A beautiful photograph display of many of the conservation easements that have been purchased with Open Space bond funds is hung in the new second floor conference room of the Courthouse for all to enjoy.

The Open Lands Board members serve for two-year terms with the reappointments taking place each February. They meet in the Community Room on the second Monday of every month at 7:00PM. The public is always welcome to attend and participate.

THANK YOU to the volunteers who serve on the Open Lands Board. Some of the members have been serving since the board was first created in 1998. Your tireless efforts to serve our County and preserve open space for all to enjoy long into the future and greatly appreciated!



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CLASSIFIED ADS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRINKLER WINTERIZATIONS: Call Bill @ 539-2881 or 388-4324

IN NEED OF ENTERTAINMENT? CLAMBELLY classic rock/country/dance band available for parties, receptions & events. Music from 60's and 70's. Please call (406) 924-4053.

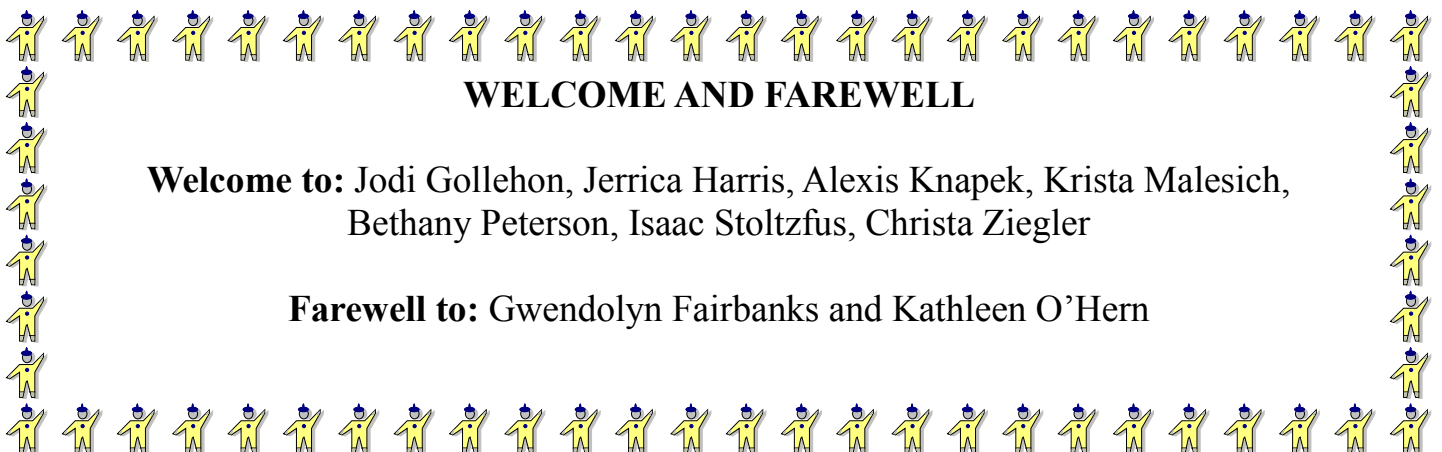
County Employees “Out and About”



Commissioner Murdock as THE THINKER
(at the construction site for the new Detention Center)



Judy Noreen enjoying the Minnesota State Fair



WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Welcome to: Jodi Gollehon, Jerrica Harris, Alexis Knapek, Krista Malesich,
Bethany Peterson, Isaac Stoltzfus, Christa Ziegler

Farewell to: Gwendolyn Fairbanks and Kathleen O'Hern



**The Gallatin County Commissioners are pleased to introduce
MIKE HARRIS as
“Employee of the Month” in AUGUST.**

From the Open Lands Department, Mike Harris was chosen as employee of the month for August. Mike was nominated as employee of the month for his exceptional work on the Regional Park’s Dinosaur Playground. Mike worked round the clock (and many months in advance) to help ensure this project was successful. Mike’s dedication to the Regional Park and its progress is very commendable and the Commission would like to thank him for his tireless efforts in this area. Mike has worked for Gallatin County for six years as the Coordinator of the Open Lands Program, the Parks Program and as the legislative liaison for the County Commissioners. Getting to work with the people of Gallatin County is his favorite thing about working for Gallatin County. Before coming to work for Gallatin County Mike worked in Public Affairs, on campaigns, elections and doing public opinion research, he was also a Park Ranger, Security Guard, Police Dispatcher, Barn Builder and worked at WalMart for 31 days!! When asked about his free time Mike explained that he has no free time, that his job is his life and he lives to serve Gallatin County. However, when he does have a moment of spare time he enjoys spending it with his daughter Lexi, hunting Pheasants with his dog Fergie, competitive shooting and enjoys fine wine while watching the sunset. Mike has a four-year old who he is training in mixed martial arts so that she can “beat up boys” and a bird dog with a bladder problem (TMI). **THANK YOU, Mike for the GREAT job on the Dinosaur Playground and all of your work for the Regional Park!!**

****The Commissioners have decided to do one employee of the month from here forth due to the lack of names submitted from some areas and limited contributions to the blue jean day for employee of the month. Names not chosen will be kept on file for consideration in future months.**

Thank You Jenny!

We printed it twice...oops! We accidentally printed on lettered...oops! “I’m done with this file”...dump it in the recycling bin. We all take our recycling to our building’s spot and it magically disappears every week.

Many of you have seen her around the County buildings – digging in the recycling bins, removing paper and binder clips from the stacks of papers– sometimes we see her loading up her truck with boxes of paper.



It’s Jenny Martin and she truly been an asset to Gallatin County with her recycling efforts. Jenny volunteers to pick up our dismissed paper every week from each County facility and she takes it to Four Corners Recycling on her way home. She does this free of charge to us and the taxpayers! In her own words, “Recycling makes me feel better about driving my not-so-gas-efficient truck from Four Corners to Bozeman to run errands.” She plans her errands around us filling up those bins and takes time to sift through and remove anything that isn’t recyclable. Then she returns those things (like binder clips) that can be reused. Jenny never complains about us overflowing the bins or tossing in hanging file folders that have metal in them. Jenny always has a smile on her face and a warm greeting to anyone who she sees.

All of Gallatin County’s employees would like to take this opportunity to thank Jenny for all of her help in reducing our waste numbers by picking up our recycling of paper, plastic and cans each week. If you would like to help us by giving back to Jenny this holiday season, please collect donations in your office and send them to the Commission office by December 11th (at your Department Head’s discretion, perhaps individual departments can plan their own blue jean day with the proceeds going towards the collection effort for this purpose). We will pool all the money collected to purchase Jenny a gas card as a small gesture of appreciation and recognition for all of her services to us.



Breast cancer is the most common type of incident cancer among women in Montana. An average of 800 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year. It is also the 2nd leading cause of cancer death in Montana women. Although this cancer is still prevalent here in Montana, fewer women are dying from this disease because of early detection and the use of mammograms. One hundred years ago, women were dying from cervical cancer and it was the most common cause of cancer death. In 2003, there were only 12 deaths from this cancer. Due to the invention of the Pap test and the continuing advances to this screening, fewer women are dying from this cancer.

Prevention and early detection are key when it comes to cancer survival, especially breast and cervical cancer. Many women that do not have health insurance or who are underinsured (have insurance, but have high deductibles) forego these important screening tests, because they simply cannot afford them. The Montana Breast & Cervical Health Program provides free or low cost mammograms and Pap tests for women ages 30 to 64 who meet certain income guidelines and have little or no insurance coverage. In certain circumstances, our program will also pay for Pap tests and office visits for women ages 30 to 39. Our program also pays for diagnostic tests when abnormal breast or cervical screens occur, and if a woman is diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through our program, they may qualify for treatment funds. Even though we provide these important services, there is a certain population of women whose needs are not completely met by our program. Therefore, we coordinate certain fundraisers each year to bring in money to serve those women who are in need of these vital screenings. For example, a small co-pay is required in order to obtain a mammogram, this fee covers the CAD, or computer aided diagnostic fee that is no longer a covered service in our program. Recently, one woman who was living on a fixed income, called us stating that she would have to skip her mammogram this year because she could not afford this fee, luckily we were able to use donated funds to cover her fee and she went ahead and had her mammogram.

We strive to help each woman because we understand the importance of these vital cancer screenings. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and it's a time to honor those who have lost the battle to breast cancer and to support those still fighting. During the month of October, encourage the women in your life to get a mammogram and to talk, listen and laugh with those who are going through breast cancer. Through support and early detection, we can save lives. Please remember our program if you know of a woman who may qualify and benefit from our program and please support us through the purchase of a blue jean sticker in the month of October on the 9th & 16th. Your support helps so many.

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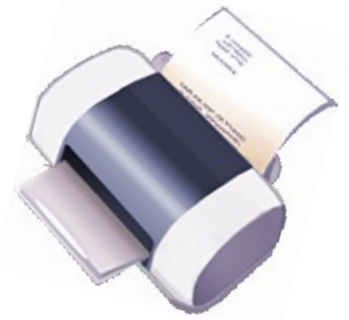
Costco Wholesale will be holding a special reception for
County Employees.
Come join them for refreshments and a chance to win prizes.

October 23rd from 11:00 am—1:30pm
Courthouse Community Room

October 16th from 11:00 am—1:30 pm
First Security Bank Conference Room on 19th.



Equipment Check-Out



The ITS Department has equipment available for check out to any County department. The equipment can be checked out for a limited time and for **County business only**. Please view the list of items that are available below.



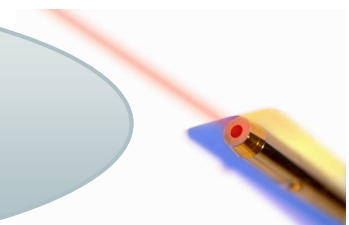
- Air Card (cellular modem)
- Conference Phone
- Digital Camera
- DVD Player
- Inkjet Printers
- Laptop *
- Laser Pointer
- Projector
- PowerPoint-Presenter Remote
- Smartphone *
- USB Floppy Drive
- USB Zip Drive



Please contact IT at x3072, via c.Support (service request) or stop by the office located in the basement of the Courthouse—Room B102. Please allow enough time to ensure availability when reserving equipment.



* **NOTE:** When checking out either the laptop or the Smartphone, please allow extra time for any set-up that may need to take place.



DUI MYTH #2:

**CHEWING TOBACCO,
DRINKING MOUTHWASH,
SUCKING ON A PENNY OR
EATING AN ONION WILL
CAUSE FALSE READINGS
ON THE BREATH
INSTRUMENTS**



**GOOD LUCK
WITH THAT.
THESE ARE
SCIENTIFIC
INSTRUMENTS
DESIGNED TO
READ THE
PERCENT OF
ALCOHOL IN
YOUR BLOOD-
STREAM.
IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHAT
ELSE YOU JUST
ATE OR DRANK.
THEY ARE
GEARED ONLY
TO LOOK FOR
ONE THING,
ALCOHOL.
THEY WORK.**

This notice was paid
for by your Gallatin
County DUI Task
Force and funded
entirely through DUI
license reinstatement
fees. Please do not
become a contributor!



The BOZONE
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Events Calendar



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AWARENESS CODE: 22602

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

Please include sales tax in AZ, HI, NJ, NM, NY, UT, WI, plus all other applicable states. Fees are subject to change.

☐ **\$20 COSTCO CASH CARD WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP** with a 2% Reward on most Costco purchases – is \$50 a year plus an additional \$50 upgrade fee a year. Limit one Executive Membership per household or business.

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Offer expires December 31, 2009, and is valid only for new members for their first year of membership. Limit one Costco Cash Card offer per household. You must apply in person at any Costco location, or with a Costco representative at this membership reception. Offer is nontransferable and may not be combined with any other offer or coupon.

☐ **YES! I want to learn more about The TrueEarnings® Card from Costco and American Express.** See the membership counter for details.

DATE OF BIRTH _____ LAST NAME _____ LEGAL FIRST NAME _____
MI _____ NICKNAME (NAME TO PRINT ON MEMBERSHIP CARD) _____
NAME SUFFIX (OPTIONAL) ☐ Jr ☐ Sr ☐ II ☐ Other _____
HOME MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ COUNTRY _____ (AREA CODE) HOME PHONE _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS – Receive special offers from Costco.com. _____ DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER* _____ STATE _____

☐ **FREE HOUSEHOLD CARD (optional)** A Household Card is available to a Primary Cardholder's spouse, domestic partner or immediate family member over the age of 18 and living at the same address. Household Cardholders will be asked to present proof that they live at the same address as the Primary Cardholder.

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☐ **SAVE TIME AND POSTAGE** – Check here to automatically renew your annual membership on your American Express Card. Costco may receive updated card account information from American Express if you have chosen to have your new Costco annual membership fee automatically billed to your card account.

Costco is continually developing new and exciting programs and services at substantial savings for our members.

☐ Check here if you do not want your name, postal address, e-mail address, and membership number and status shared with carefully selected partners so they may qualify you for these offerings.
☐ Check here if you do not want your Household Cardholder's information shared as well.

*Your driver's license number is not mandatory to gain membership at Costco, but if you plan to write checks at Costco, we do need your driver's license number.

Note: Completion of this application constitutes acceptance of Costco's Privileges and Conditions of Membership, including our privacy policies and practices, which are available at the membership counter or online at costco.com. Please provide your Household Cardholder with this information. **Renewal Policy** – Memberships renewed within 2 months after expiration of the current membership year will be extended for 12 months from the expiration date. Memberships renewed more than 2 months after such expiration will be extended for 12 months from the renewal date.

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE (required) _____

DATE _____

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